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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

In the communication of 08/26/2003, the claims were restricted into two classes: I, claims 1 – 30, adhesive compositions, and II, claims 31 – 39, methods for covalent bonding. Applicants hereby elect class I, claims 1 – 30, with traverse. The restriction requirement is respectfully traversed on the basis that the claims are directed to a composition and a method of use of the composition. It is permissible to have such claims in a single patent. In addition, the subject matter of the two claim sets is very similar, because of the above relationship, and will therefore require essentially the identical search. Reconsideration of the restriction is respectfully requested. If discussion is required, applicant's attorney is most easily contacted at the number below.

Included with this response is a power of attorney in favor of the undersigned, which supercedes a previous power to D. N. Halgren.

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